

June 14, 2017

Mr. Reggie Branham
Z and Z Farms, Valley View Farms
1145 Swan Road
Old Fort, TN 37362

**Subject: Permit Tracking No. SOPC00192, SOPC00225
Z and Z Farms, Valley View Farms
Old Fort, Polk County, Cleveland, Bradley County, Tennessee**

Dear Mr. Branham:

I recently reviewed your application for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) permit coverage for your farm. This letter is to inform you that some issues need to be resolved before I can approve your Nutrient Management Plan (NMP) as required to issue your CAFO permit. Essentially I need to receive the following items or information:

1. A current litter analysis will be needed from each farm. I have enclosed information for contacting a lab of your choice to perform a litter analysis. After the analysis is complete, please submit the report to me.
2. I have generated aerial and topographic maps for both farms. Please check for correctness, label all structures (barns, litter storage, etc.) and return to me.
3. Page 3 of the NMP for Z and Z Farms was left blank. Please indicate BMP's used on site, explain how clean water is diverted (roof gutters, etc.) and indicate which facility maintenance activities are performed. These are all necessary conditions of permit coverage and many may already be part of day to day operations.
4. We discussed that Valley View Farms will be an 100% export of litter operation. If this is correct, you may use the enclosed NMP worksheet for permit coverage. This is all that is required by TDEC for permit issuance; however a financial institution may require a CNMP completed by a TSP for loan guarantee. If there is a financial institution involved, please check with them in regards to their requirements.

Once each item above is addressed, you will have submitted all required elements of a CAFO permit application. Pending approval, a notice will be sent to the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) who will then issue the permit.

Assistance is available at your local Extension office and your local United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) office. If you have additional questions regarding permit requirements or how to fulfill them, please feel free to contact me at 615-837-5489 or sarah.hovis@tn.gov. Thank you for your cooperation in this



permitting process.

Sincerely,

Sarah Hovis
Environmental Specialist

Enclosure

cc: Permit File
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